

structed to procure a suitable stove and pipe for the Senate chamber, and that the cost of the same be paid out of the contingent expense fund. Adopted.

On motion of Senator Ireland, the Senate adjourned until 11 o'clock A. M., to-morrow.

FOURTH DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER,)
AUSTIN, January 15, 1875.)

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Roll called; quorum present. Prayer by the chaplain. Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Senator Shepard, for Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate:

SIR:—Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 449, "An act to legalize the order of the county court of Galveston county, made January 4th, 1875, and to authorize the issuance of county bonds therein provided for," and find the same correctly engrossed. Respectfully, etc.,

SETH SHEPARD, for Committee.

Senator Bradley introduced a bill entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the Beaumont, Corsicana and Fort Worth Railroad Company.'" Read first time and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

The hour for the special order having arrived, to-wit: the consideration of Senate concurrent resolution No. 447, "Condemning the interference with and destruction of the State Government of Louisiana by the Federal administration," it was taken up and read second time.

Senator Joseph moved that the further consideration of the concurrent resolution be postponed until Wednesday next, at 11 o'clock A. M.; made special order for that day and hour, and that one hundred copies be printed for the use of the Senate. Adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators Bradley, Burton, Camp, Culberson,

Dwyer, Ellis, Flanagan, Friend, Joseph, Ledbetter, Morris, Parker, Shepard, Stirman and Swift—15.

NAYS—Senators Allison, Baker, Bradshaw, Dillard, Davenport, Erath, Hobby, Ireland, Moore and Westfall—10.

Senator Morris introduced a bill entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'an act to reorganize the Seventh, Eighth and Eleventh Judicial Districts of the State of Texas, and to fix the times for holding the courts therein,'" approved April 17, A. D. 1874. Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Senator Joseph introduced a bill entitled "An act to incorporate the Brazos, Clear Creek and Galveston Canal Company." Read first time and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

Senator Bradley introduced a joint resolution "with reference to the claims of the International Company for the issuance of bonds by the State of Texas." Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Senator Ellis introduced a bill entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'an act to encourage stock-raising, and for the protection of stock raisers,'" approved March 23, 1874. Read first time and referred to Committee on Stock-raising.

Senator Culberson introduced a bill entitled "An act concerning the location of the courthouse in Marion county." Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Senator Westfall offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Buildings be instructed to contract for lighting the Senate Chamber with gas, if found expedient to do so. Adopted.

House bill No. 534, "An act to amend an act entitled 'an act to reorganize the Seventh, Eighth and Eleventh Judicial Districts of the State of Texas, and to fix the time for holding the courts therein,'" approved April 17, 1874, was taken up, read first time and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Senator Dillard introduced a bill entitled "An act to provide for the building and completing of two State penitentiaries, with a view to the utilization of the convict labor of the State in mining and manufacturing enterprises." Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee.

The above bill was introduced during the first session of the Fourteenth Legislature, but was withdrawn by Senator

Dillard, by leave of the Senate, and introduced as an original bill.

Senator Bradshaw offered the following resolution :

Resolved—by the Senate, that rule No. 91, passed by the first session of the Senate of the Fourteenth Legislature, be and is hereby revoked ; said rule reading as follows :

“ Rule No. 91—All unfinished business of the session of each Legislature shall be considered first in order at the several sessions of the same Legislature.”

The resolution offered by Senator Bradshaw was lost.

The unfinished business of the last session was then taken up, the first being Senate bill No. 31, “An act to amend the fourth section of ‘an act better defining the marital rights of parties,’ passed March 13, 1848. Bill read second time, and on motion of Senator Shepard, was referred to Judiciary Committee.

Senate bill No. 28, “An act for the relief of William Stephens,” was taken up, read second time and referred to Committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Senator Allison, the rules were suspended, and House bill No. 395, “An act to validate the sale of town lots in Decatur, in Wise county,” was taken up, read second time and passed to third reading.

On motion of Senator Allison, the rules were further suspended, bill read third time and passed.

On motion of Senator Westfall, the consideration of the unfinished business of the first session of the present Legislature, was postponed, and the secretary instructed to arrange all papers relating to same.

On motion of Senator Flanagan, the Senate adjourned until 11 o'clock A. M., to-morrow.

FIFTH DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER,)
AUSTIN, January 16, 1875. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment ; roll called ; quorum present. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hillyer, chaplain of the House. Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

A message was received from the House announcing the passage of House bill No. 545, “An act to incorporate the